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TO : [redacted]

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: Subsidies to the Sects

1. [redacted] the French made the following subsidiary payments to the Sects for non-integrated troops for December 1954:

SECT	INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING PAYMENT	NUMBER TROOPS SUBSIDIZED	AMOUNT OF SUBSIDY (in Ps)
Cao Dai	General Nguyen Thanh Phuong	4,550	3,932,252
Hoa Hao	General Tran Van Soai	1,700	1,349,120
	TOTALS:	6,250	5,281,372

2. [redacted] the Vietnamese Government Budget for 1954 contained provisions for monthly subsidies (in piasters) for the Sects as shown on the attached statistical table. The amounts actually paid are, however, not known. On the other hand, it is known that since August 1954, no payments to the Sects have been made by the Delegation for South Vietnam because Tran Van Lam is opposed to and refuses to make such payments. Consequently, the Sects have launched a press campaign against Lam, accusing him of being uncooperative with and unfriendly to the Sects.

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